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DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any scheme(s) to provide financial assistance to various State Governments for the development of horticulture in the country including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of financial assistance provided to various States including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Puducherry for the holistic development of horticulture sector in the country by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach by ensuring an end - to - end approach covering production, post harvest management and marketing.

Under both the schemes, funds are provided for production related activities (setting up of new nurseries, area expansion of various horticulture crops, rejuvenation of old and senile orchards promotion of IPM and INM, organic farming, pollination support through Bee Keeping), horticulture mechanisation, creation of water resources, creation of post harvest management and market infrastructure.

Under NHM, Government of India contributes 85% and 15% is met by the State Governments. However, under HMNEH, 100% grant is provided to State for implementation of the scheme.

(c): State-wise details of financial assistance provided to various States including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and current year under NHM is given at Annexure I and under HMNEH is given at Annexure II.